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**Division of Water Quality  
Utah Department of Environmental Quality  
Public Notice of Intent to Renew  
Ground Water Discharge Permit No. UGW210011**

**Purpose of Public Notice**

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is soliciting comments on the request to renew a ground water discharge permit as described below. The ground water discharge permit is issued by the Director of the Division of Water Quality under authority of the Utah Water Quality Act, Section 19-5-106(g) Utah Code Ann. 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-6. Under Section 19-1-301.5, effective May 8, 2012, a person who wishes to challenge a Permit Order may only raise an issue or argument during an adjudicatory proceeding that was raised during the public comment period and was supported with sufficient information or documentation to enable the Director to fully consider the substance and significance of the issue. Utah Code Ann. 19-1-301.5 can be viewed at the following internet URL: <http://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title19/Chapter1/19-1-S301.5.html>.

**Permit Information**

Permittee:	Utah Iron, LLC
Mailing Address:	6249 W. Gilbert Industrial Court Hurricane, Utah 84737
Facility Location:	Iron County, Utah

Utah Iron, LLC has requested renewal of Ground Water Discharge Permit UGW210011 to cover the operation of the Iron Mountain Mine in Iron County, Utah. Utah Iron, LLC operates a tailings pipeline that transports iron and gangue tailings from the milling facilities to two existing pit lakes (Blackhawk and Blowout pit lakes) located on the southern flank of Iron Mountain. The transported tailings are transported as slurry and discharged into the Blackhawk and Blowout pit lakes, the slurry is allowed to settle, which assists in backfilling the existing pit lake disturbances. Utah Iron, LLC operates a return water pipeline that pumps excess return water from the milling process and recovered pit water that is re-used for mine operations.

The tailings storage locations are on the following tracts of land (Salt Lake Base and Meridian) with the centroid of operations located at 37.618080 Latitude, -113.383488 Longitude:

S ½ of Section 30, Township 36 South, Range 13 West;  
NE ¼ of Section 2, Township 37 South, Range 14 West;

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NW ¼ of Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 14 West.

**Public Comments**

Public comments are invited any time through close of business on **September 15, 2025**. Written comments may be directed to the Division of Water Quality (DWQ), P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4870. All comments received prior to close of business on **September 15, 2025**, will be considered in the formulation of final conditions to be imposed on the permit.

**Additional Information**

Additional information may be obtained upon request by contacting Austin Miller at (385) 303-3366 or [apmiller@utah.gov](mailto:apmiller@utah.gov) or by writing to the aforementioned address. Related documents are available for review during normal business hours at DWQ, 195 North 1950 West in Salt Lake City or on the DWQ web page at <https://deq.utah.gov/public-notices-archive/water-quality-public-notices>.

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